

agement works is required to be taken up by the State Government. The Government of Maharashtra has reported about the problem of inundation by sea water at Deobag and Tambalding coastline in Sindhudurg district. While the State Government has provided temporary protection measures, permanent protection works are envisaged at an estimated cost of Rs. 76 lakhs for Deobag area.

#### **Promotion of Bio-Gas Plants in Rural Areas**

**3981. SHRI A. CHARLES:** Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government to promote bio-gas plant and to educate the people in the rural and semi-urban areas on the merits of setting up such plants; and
- (b) if so, the allocations made by the Union Government for promotion of bio-gas plants?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI):** (a) Under the centrally sponsored scheme 'National Projects on Biogas Development' which caters to promotion of family type biogas plants, the Government have taken many steps, inter alia, organisation of Users courses for education beneficiaries, particularly women, organisation of demonstrations on utility of manure in regional languages through Regional Biogas Development and Training Centres and publicity through All-India Radio and Doordarshan. Besides, setting up of community, institutional and night soil biogas plants is also being promoted under a separate programme.

- (b) The Government propose to alloca-

tion a budget outlay of Rs. 1.35 lakh family type biogas plants under the National Project on Biogas Development and an outlay of Rs. 1.50 crores for a target of 50 plants under the community, institutional and night soil biogas plants programme for the year 1992-93.

[Translation]

#### **Entertainment Programmes on Doordarshan.**

**3982. SHRI BARE LAL JATAV:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an official committee on Doordarshan have recommended to increase programmes of entertainment, and
- (b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):**

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Improvement in Doordarshan programmes is a continuous process and such Committee's recommendations when accepted are kept in view while preparing programme schedules from time to time.

#### **Postal Services In the Country**

**3983. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether complaints received from various parts of the country especially from City of Bihar regarding late receipt non-receipt of letters;

(b) if so, the number of complaints registered in this regard;

(c) whether the Government propose to take any action for streamlining the postal service; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this direction?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU):** (a) There have been occasional instances of delay in delivery of mail.

(b) There is an average monthly receipt of 3767 number of complaints relating to carry in delivery of mails which constitutes, 0.00085% of the volume of such mail handled.

(c) and (d). To avoid delays in transmission and delivery, the following on-going steps have been initiated:

- (i) More effective checks by the supervisors;
- (ii). Better liaison with transport system;
- (iii) Random sample survey of mail and consequential removal of bottlenecks identified;
- (iv) Constant review of mail arrangements and setting up of Task Forces to monitor postal operations.
- (v) Restructuring of delivery system in certain Post Offices; and
- (vi) Confidential check by Public Relations Enspectors (Postal) on the performance of the delivery staff especially in the complaints prone areas or with the addresses residing at the end of the beat.

[Translation]

#### Telephone Connections in Rohini, Delhi

**3984. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the work of laying under-ground telephone cables in Rohini Sector 18, Delhi is likely to be completed;

(b) the number of telephone lines being released from the Badli Echenge; and

(c) by when telephone connections sanctioned in November, 1991 from special quota are likely to be installed?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU):** (a) The work of laying underground telephone cables in Rohini, Sector 18, Delhi is likely to be completed by 31.3.92.

(b) 549 telephone connections from Badli exchange have already been released during the current financial year 1991-92. There is no further proposal to release connections from the exchange.

(c) No telephone connection sanctioned in November, 1991 from Special Quota (out of turn) are pending to be installed in Rohini Sector-18, Delhi.

#### Expansion of Relay Centres of Doordarshan

**3985. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposed expansion programme of T. V. relay centres at Khamgaon, Hinganghat, Akot, Akluj, Kankaul,